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See the attached Response to Office Action Summary (re Election and Restriction).

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY (ELECTION AND RESTRICTION)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action Summary mailed November 17, 2004, please consider the following.


The Examiner has required an election to choose a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species 2 (Figure 3).

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Claims 1, 2 and 4—14 are generic to both species, and Claim 3 reads on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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